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EXAMINER:

FOR: POLYMERIZATION WITH LIVING

CHARACTERISTICS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST TO HAVE INTERFERENCE DECLARED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.607

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The preliminary amendment is filed in conjunction with the applicants' request under 37 C.F.R. §1.607 seeking to have an interference declared between this application and unexpired United States Patent No. 6,153,705 (granted November 28, 2000) (hereinafter the '705 Patent). Substantiation for the Applicants' request is provided in detail below.

Initially, however, the Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered for the purposes of calculating the filing fee for this continuation application, and for examination thereof.)

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 1, insert the following paragraph:

-- This application is 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT/US97/12540 filed on July 3, 1997, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (e) from Australian provisional specification Serial No. PO 0933 filed on July 10, 1996 and Australian provisional specification Serial No. PO 1109 filed on July 18, 1996. --

On page 8 insert the following paragraph:

-- E, E' are independently selected from the group consisting of H, CH3, CN, CO₂Alkyl, Ph; K, K' are selected from the group consisting of CH₂, C=O, Si(CH₃)₂, O; L is selected from the group consisting of C(E)2, O, N(Alkyl)2 salts, P(Alkyl)2